An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, concerning 23000 li. lately lent by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of *London*, to be repaid out of the Debts and Rents of Houses gathered by the Collectors.

Die Sabbathi, 6. Maii, 1643.

WHereas upon a motion made by a Committee of Lords and Commons, in the name of both Houses of Parliament, for the sum of threescore thousand pounds to be advanced by the Citizens of *London* for supply of the necessities of the Army, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and divers of the Commons of the said City by vertue of an Ordinance of the 28. of *February* last did advance 23000 li. or thereabouts, which by another Ordinance of the 5. of *April* was to be repaid together with 40000 li. more, or thereabouts, lent and advanced by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen alone, with consideration for the forbearance thereof after the rate of 8. *per centum per annum* for the same, out of the first monies to be raised by the weekly Assessement in the City of *London* and Liberties thereof.

And whereas the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, are contented that the first three and twenty thousand pounds that shall be repaid out of the weekly Assessements, shall be set apart to be forthwith sent to the Army to supply the present pressing necessities thereof, and to be repaid the same after the said 40000 li. with the forbearance thereof, as aforesaid, is fully satisfied: And whereas the Commons of *London*, in Common-Councel assembled, have undertaken to doe their utmost endeavour to advance and lend 17000 li. to be forthwith also sent unto the Army, to be repaid with the 23000 li. as aforesaid.

All which advance of moneys is understood and taken to be a very acceptable service, and tends very much to the preservation of Religion, Laws and Liberties, and the safety of the Parliament, City and Kingdome. It is therefore ordained and declared by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, that as well the said 23000 li. as also such other moneys as shall be advanced as aforesaid, shall be repaid with consideration for the forbearance thereof, after the rate as aforesaid, out of the first moneys to be raised upon the weekly Assessement, to be collected in *London* and Liberties, after the 40000 li. lent and advanced by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen is fully satisfied as aforesaid, and out of the first money collected or to be collected out of the weekly Assessements in the City of *Westminster*, the Borough of *Southwark*, the several Parishes in the weekly Bills, and in the rest of the County of *Middlesex*, as also in the Counties of *Hertford*, *Essex* and *Suffolk*, as also out of the first moneys that shall be raised out of the Assessements of such persons throughout the Kingdome (not above the twentieth part of their estate, or the fifth part of their Annual revenue) as have not contributed upon the Propositions of both Houses, or not proportionably to their Estates, according to an Ordinance of the of *May*: And for their further security and encouragement, it is likewise ordained by the Lords and Commons aforesaid, that as well Sir *Gilbert Gerrard* Baronet, Treasurer of the Army, as also Sir *John Wollaston* Knight, *John Warner*, *John Towse*, and *Thomas Andrews*, Aldermen of the City of *London*, appointed Treasurers for the receipt of the said moneys respectively, shall repay the said several sums as aforesaid, and shall not issue the said moneys to any other purpose whatsoever, untill the same shall be fully satisfied as aforesaid. And it is further ordained, that such sums of money as were advanced and not repaid, according to an Ordinance of the 29. of *November* last, shall be repaid out of such moneys as are or shall be raised by vertue of several Ordinances passed in and about the said *November*, for assessing of such persons within the City of *London* and Liberties thereof (not above the 20. part of their estates) as have not contributed upon the Propositions of both Houses, or not proportionably to their estates, as also out of such moneys as shall be raised by vertue of the aforesaid Ordinance of the of *May* aforesaid.